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Recovering a New Testament Perspective on Nature

by Harry Hahne

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Dr. Harry Hahne

Christians often assume that the New Testament (NT) is only interested in human spiritual redemption and social ethics. Although nature is not as prominent in the NT as in the Old Testament (OT), hundreds of verses refer to nature and many concepts have ecological implications. A review of the treatment of nature in the NT provides a framework for considering implications for environmental stewardship.

The Goodness of Nature

The NT affirms the OT teaching that God created "heaven and earth" (Mark 10:6; Acts 4:24; Heb 11:3). God, who is Lord of heaven and earth, sustains creation and gives life to all creatures (Rom 11:36; Matt 11:25). God lovingly cares

for animals and plants and provides sun and rain to meet human needs (Matt 6:26-30; Luke 12:6). "Jesus was the agent of creation. He gives life to all creatures and his power 'holds everything together' (John 1:3; Col 1:16-17).

Nature is good and each part has a unique glory consistent with God's design (1 Tim 4:3-4; 1 Cor 15:38-41). Jesus' incarnation and bodily resurrection show that the NT is not anti-material (1 Cor 15:17; 1 John 4:2). Nature has intrinsic value, both the parts which benefit humans (sheep, Matt 12:1) and the parts with little utility to humans (grass, sparrows, Matt 6:26; 10:29-31).

Jesus frequently used nature to teach spiritual truth. Nature parables illustrate the character of the kingdom of God (Mark 4:6-34; Matt 13; 10:16; Luke 13:6-9; 21:29-30). Nature metaphors teach about God and his character to people. Jesus is the good shepherd who gives his life for his sheep (John 10) and the Holy Spirit is the water that gives life (John 4:14).

Jesus drew ethical lessons from nature (Matt 5:44-45). Since God providentially cares for birds and grass, people should trust God for their needs (Matt 6:25-33; 14:19). Just as God provides sun and rain for the wicked, believers should love their enemies (Matt 5:44-46).

Nature reveals the existence of God and basic aspects of his being (Rom 1:19-20; Acts 14:17). Nature shows that the

world was created and that God alone should be worshiped. Worshiping any part of nature denies God the glory that he is due as creator and undermines the transcendent basis for ethics (Rom 1:24-32).

The Corruption of Nature

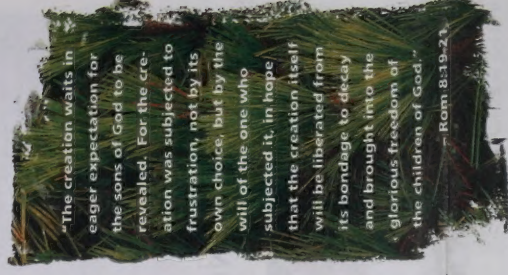
Despite the basic goodness of nature, it is not presently as God originally intended it. The human Fall significantly changed nature. Adam's sin introduced death and "subjected creation to futility" (Rom 5:12-17; 8:20; 1 Cor 15:21-22; cf. Gen 2:17), an allusion to the curse on the ground (Gen 3:16-19). Nature is now in bondage to corruption, decay and death. Disease, suffering and natural disasters abound. Nature is not fallen, but it is a victim of human sin (Rom 8; 9:21).

Demons also corrupt nature by causing some diseases (Matt 12:22; Luke 13:16). The NT affirms the OT teaching that God gave humanity dominion over nature (Heb. 2:5-9 citing Psalm 8:4-6, which echoes Gen 1:26, 28). Yet sin corrupts the human relationship with nature so humanity's dominion over nature is flawed and incomplete. But Jesus, who was without sin, subjected creation to himself, anticipating the future perfect human relationship to nature (Heb 2:8-9).

The Redemption of Nature

Jesus performed miracles to overcome negative aspects of nature, such as disease, death and natural disasters

"The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God." - Rom 8:19-23



(Matt 4:24; Luke 13:16). Many of Jesus' miracles locally reverse the curse from the Fall. He healed diseases and raised the dead. He calmed storms simply by speaking (Mark 4:39-41), much as God created with a word (Genesis 1).

Through his death on the cross, Jesus conquered death so those who

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SURVEY RESULTS SHOW 95% AND 98% STUDENT SATISFACTION RATES

by Jon Ohlhauser, VP, Marketing and Enrollment

During the Fall semester, Tyndale's Retention Committee conducted a Student Satisfaction Survey with College & Seminary students. The purpose of this survey was to gain an appreciation for the students' perspective on their Tyndale education as well as to establish a means of comparing the progress of our improvement from year to year. There were 200 responses received from both the College and Seminary (18% of the student body). Here are a few of the results from some of the survey questions asked to both College and Seminary students.

While the information we gleaned from this survey will play an important role as we manage the affairs of the school, its value will increase significantly as we begin to gather and compare this information on an annual basis. We hope this survey will help us begin to evaluate how well we are serving the students God sends our way.

College Results:	Seminary Results:
65% involved in extra curricular activity	23% involved in extra curricular activity
Primary area in need of most improvement: Computer Services	Primary area in need of most improvement: Computer Services
Secondary area in need of most improvement: Food Services	Secondary Areas in need of most improvement: Library & Financial Aid
Rating of Satisfaction with Faculty Advising: 3.44 out of 5	Rating of Satisfaction with Faculty Advising: 3.22 out of 5
95% would recommend Tyndale College to others	98% would recommend Tyndale Seminary to others

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In the last issue of *Connection* I tied together the season of autumn and the concept of grace, noting how grace is made possible by Christ's death just as spring is made possible by the death and decay of autumn. This issue, I hope you will indulge me as I extend the metaphor a little further, the way we move into the promise of spring.

Winter has for centuries been used to describe the low periods of life: the times of depression, fatigue, loneliness, and despair. As one who has spent all of her winters either in Winnipeg or on the east shore, I can identify with the accuracy of this metaphor. During the darkest months of this metaphor, you cannot feel the warmth of the sun, you cannot feel the tenderness of the grass beneath your feet. You cannot smell the new earth, you cannot see the buds on the trees. All you feel is cold and darkness, and there is no light of life anywhere. No matter how hard you look. Everything around you is dead and buried under sheets of snow and ice. But you do not despair,

because even though you cannot see or feel it, you know that spring is coming. It has come faithfully every year, no matter how long the winter has seemed, and you will be known that you have found that God will once again breath new life into Creation, as He has always done.

So it is with us, when we are in the darkest moment of our lives and cannot see the way ahead. And yet we must believe that there is a way ahead, that there is new life to be found even if all we can feel is pain, emptiness, and decay. If we have such faith in the coming of spring, should we not then have even greater faith in the goodness of He who brings it? He will not leave us to die in the cruel grasp of winter. In time, once the purposes of

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Expanding New Ventures

by Kelly Milne, Venture
Recreation Leadership Liaison

Tree-hugger, Granola, Early-type—names that may come to mind when you think of an outdoor enthusiast. These may also be names of the type of student you associate with the Venture Recreation at Tyndale College. For some,

these may be accurate descriptions, but most students bring passions and aspirations to their studies at Tyndale as varied as the recreation industry as a whole.

Currently in its second year, the Venture program partners Tyndale College with Muskoka Woods Sports Resort in Rosseau, Ontario. The program is designed as a three-year Bachelor of Religious Education degree with required courses in Religious Studies, General Ministries, Social Sciences, and the Arts. In addition, the program requires nine recreation-specific courses



including Learning to Lead; Coaching and Training for Results (where students earn Coaching Theory Level 1 certification from the Coaching Association of Canada); Operating the Recreation Facility; Wilderness Advanced First Aid; Wilderness Expedition Management; The Healthy Active Lifestyle; a

Recreation Internship; and practical skill certification in 2 electives. Students take courses at Muskoka Woods during the winter semester of their first year (all other semesters are taken at Tyndale's campus in Toronto).

As the title of the program suggests, the main focus is leadership development. Students do not have to be outdoor enthusiasts or mountain climbers to participate, but they are united in their common desire to train as leaders and serve Christ to the best of their ability in their chosen field. Passions and interests range from leading expeditions, resort management, and camp ministries, to coaching, working in a business, or working with youth. Students can choose internship placements and skill certifications accordingly.

The program is designed to help students gain a toolbox of refined skills through practical experience such as Field Education at Muskoka Woods, and a three-week expedition to the Florida Everglades and the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. But skills and experience are built on solid leadership theory and quality academic and biblical foundations provided by a Tyndale education.

The Associate Director of the program, Rob McAllister (B.A. Recreation, Waterloo), has extensive knowledge of and experience in the recreation industry. Rob is a gifted teacher and serves also as a valuable resource for students interested in getting a start in their field.

Most importantly, the Venture program gives students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of God and the application of His truth, while navigating personal change and discovering a leadership potential that will change the world for His glory.

this season in our lives have been accomplished. He will then bring us into spring, and therein lies our hope. This is the very essence of faith, the knowledge that even when the light cannot be seen, it exists nevertheless, and the time will come again when it will once again illuminate God's goodness in our lives.

So it is with this issue of *Connection*, where we celebrate new life and new opportunities. Our cover story by Dr. Harry Hahne discusses what the New Testament has to say about God's creation. On page 2 we take a look at the College's Recreation Leadership program, which trains students to use and enjoy nature as ministry

opportunities (read an interview with one of these students on page 4). There are also new steps being taken by sev-

eral members of the Tyndale community. Dr. Jeffrey Greenman has been appointed to the R. J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership. Dr. Victor Shepherd has joined the Confessing Theologians' Church Renewal (ACN), and Winston Ling has taken on an additional position as the Chief Financial Officer of Knox College in Toronto. As an institution, Tyndale is also breaking new ground with a new curriculum at the seminary and an exciting lineup of courses for Spring semester. God has been good. He has brought us through winter and there is new life to celebrate all around us, in nature, in our own personal lives, and in the whole Tyndale community.

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Greenman Appointed to Bernardo Leadership Chair



Dr. Jeffrey P. Greenman

ties of the Chair."

Additionally, Dr. Greenman brings to the Chair a wealth of leadership experience expressed within a broad range of organizations and activities, both secular and Christian. He has given leadership in spheres as diverse as politics and government to mission and theological education. He has also had occasion to give successful leadership to a number of entirely new ventures.

Dr. Greenman believes that mentoring and holistic learning are integral parts of becoming a successful leader. He notes that "the central challenge facing Christian leaders is to understand the bearing of the Gospel upon our changing cultural contexts and to equip and mobilize Christians to take their respective places throughout society as witnesses to the reality of Christ's Lordship." Christian leaders are "those whose lives are influencing others and shaping institutions or structures to align with the values of the Kingdom and to accomplish God's work."

According to Dr. Suller, "Jeff is a natural leader. Both his experience and especially his work here at Tyndale as Academic Dean have made it obvious that he is both gifted and willing to lead." The Tyndale community warmly welcomes Dr. Greenman to the Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership and looks forward to his continued involvement as he serves in this new position. The time of the announcement of a new VP of Tyndale College & Seminary is now underway.

Dr. Brian C. Suller, President of Tyndale College & Seminary, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jeffrey P. Greenman to the R.J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership. His appointment was approved by the Board of Governors on March 1. This chair provides an intentional focus for teaching, research and mentoring aimed at developing Christian leaders for all spheres of life, especially in the Canadian context. The chair is named for Robert J. Bernardo, whose marketplace leadership at one of Canada's foremost investment management companies has been marked by personal integrity and consistent Christian witness.

Dr. Greenman is currently the Vice President/Academic Dean of Tyndale Seminary and Professor of Christian Ethics. He previously served at Tyndale as the Director of the M.T.S. Modular Program and the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program. Prior to his experience at Tyndale, he was the Executive Director of the mission African Enterprise (Canada) and in the 1980's worked as an expert consultant to the United States government. Dr. Greenman has edited a book and written several articles, chapters, and book reviews. He has lectured extensively on spiritual formation and ethics, and is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Christian Ethics.

With a passion and gift for teaching, Dr. Greenman states, "I am looking forward to directing my full energies toward meeting the challenges and opportunities represented by the teaching and scholarly activi-

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Timeless Message for a Dying World

by Kevin Kirk, Director of Enrollment



Kevin Kirk

We live in a dying world. On any given day newspapers contain articles about our seas being poisoned and our land being stripped of its resources for development, all in the name of progress. Our air is so polluted that we have implemented an air quality scale to advise us each day about whether or not to keep our windows up and our gas powered engines off.

The world's people are dying too. Not only are they getting older – they are suffering from hopelessness, fear and sin. People you cross paths with everyday are lost. Without the timeless message of Jesus Christ, they will succumb to the same fate of the world around – death. Could there possibly be a better reason for the existence of a Christ-centred education?

Christian schools exist for one reason and one reason alone – to be places where God's people can learn more about Him and how to impact the world for His kingdom. This impact may occur in vocational ministry or in the secular marketplace; wherever God puts us, we become His ambassadors, actively in service to spread His timeless message of hope and forgiveness. How can a person best prepare without proper vocational training and opportunities for spiritual growth?

If Christians are going to succeed in spreading this message of hope, we need exceptional pastors, youth workers, educators, teachers, lawyers, business people, politicians, social workers and more. We need professionals who are passionate about their relationship with Jesus and who are capable of telling others about Him. Some describe Christian schools as bubbles – wonderful places if you want to be a missionary or a pastor, but pretty useless if you desire to be anything else. Not true! These schools offer majors of study in a wide variety of fields. They are constrained to do this because of their calling: to produce qualified ambassadors in every facet of the world. These schools are in the business of training people not only for full-time vocational ministry but also for "marketplace" ministry.

Tyndale College & Seminary exists for such a task. The College is focused on providing vocational training and personal spiritual growth in a variety of areas – both for full-time ministry and for the secular marketplace. The Seminary provides training for vocational ministry. In addition, the Seminary is a place for those who have not previously taken the opportunity to discover what their faith has to say about their career. We must all learn how our rights can shine brighter where God has placed us.

The world around us is dying. We are in need of skilled people to demonstrate the timeless message of Jesus - His love, forgiveness and hope. I can think of no better reason for the existence of a Christ-centred education or why one should attend a Christ-centred school.



College Students Participate in the Annual Tyndale Psychology Fair, December 4, 2001.

Timothy Larsen on Tyndale Seminary's New ThM Program



Dr. Timothy Larsen

Tyndale Seminary has just launched a new ThM (Master of Theology) program. It will take in its first class this fall (2002). It is now the highest degree that Tyndale offers, the most academically advanced of all our programs. *Connection* spoke with the ThM program's director, Dr. Timothy Larsen, Professor of Church History, about this major new opportunity.

Timothy: What is a ThM?

Timothy Larsen: It is an advanced degree program that is designed to provide students with an opportunity for in-depth study at a more academically rigorous and prestigious level.

C: Why is Tyndale offering one now?

TL: I think it is a reflection of how we are maturing. Tyndale has now reached the point where it has the kind of academically excellent and productive faculty and substantial library collections and resources that can support more ambitious programs.

C: What kind of person should consider enrolling in this program?

TL: Certainly anyone who wants to explore the possibility of going on to a doctorate or who is interested in teaching theology or the Bible, whether at a congregational level or in a more advanced or missionary context. Also, ministers or others who have an MDiv or an MTS and who are looking for an opportunity to be challenged by more study or to explore in-depth a topic of special interest to them.

C: What is the shape of the program?

TL: Students may choose to concentrate in one of four areas: Old Testament, New Testament, Theology and Church History. They will write a thesis on a subject within one of those areas as well as doing course work. Students mainly take electives for their courses, but we are developing two strong interdisciplinary core seminars: one will combine Old Testament studies with theology, and the other New Testament studies with church history.

C: What are the entry requirements and how long does the program take to complete?

TL: The basic entry requirement is that you have completed either an MDiv or an MTS with a GPA of 3.3 (B+) or higher on a 4.0 scale. The degree can be completed in one year, but most people will probably take two.

C: Will it be more expensive than the MDiv and MTS programs?

TL: No, the prices per course will be exactly the same. Moreover, the ThM will have scholarship funds so that, if students can receive sponsorship up to \$100 per course, Tyndale will match it, thus making each course \$200 less expensive. Also, the ThM will be limited to fifteen students, and two professors will be in the core seminars the whole time. In other words, the student-teacher ratio will be, at the most, an incredible 8 to 1.

Curriculum Changes at the Seminary



Dr. Robert Derrenbacher

students to have a greater freedom of choice about courses and an increased flexibility in shaping their studies to their own needs and interests.

A new core missions course – Gospel, Church and Culture (MISS 0782) – which will encourage an in-depth reflection on our missionary context and how the Church faithfully engages culture.

Two new core formation courses – Leadership Development (LEAD 0510) and Spiritual Formation (SPR 0700) – which will include an increased focus on issues of personal growth and intentional formation in leadership.

New majors in the M.Div., including Biblical Studies, Theology, Spiritual Formation, and Worship & Liturgy. These new majors will allow students the opportunity to focus on preparing for future ministry through concentrated work in Bible, theology, spiritual theology/direction, or worship.

An option to pursue a double major in the M.Div., enabling students to pursue more areas of interest and to broaden their credentials for ministry.

The ability to pursue concentrations of four sequenced courses in a given subject area, allowing focused study in some field, perhaps to supplement a major area.

A reorganized internship program for all majors in the M.Div., building upon the core formation and missions courses, allowing a more deeply integrated experience of mentored ministry.

A new non-credit course on Bible, research methods, and essay writing (INTD 0100) for entering students, facilitating an increased knowledge of the Bible when beginning studies, as well as better research and writing skills.

An M.T.S. in Pentecostal Studies, in conjunction with Master's Pentecostal Seminary, which will allow students the opportunity to engage the Pentecostal tradition through a sequence of eight courses.

For more details about these innovations, and for information about specific changes to any programs, please feel free to consult the new 2002-2003 Seminary Catalogue or go to www.tyndale.ca.

PROFILE:

Recreation Leadership Student **Angela Hoover**



Angela Hoover

Connection: When did you become a Christian?

Angela: I was very active and involved in sports growing up. I loved hockey, and my heart's desire was to go to the Olympics. Besides hockey, I played other high school sports.

Unfortunately, during a championship basketball game, I tore my ACL and had some medial collateral damage, which ended both my hockey and athletic careers. I didn't know what to do. I lost my identity as the athletic girl everyone knew and my life became empty. Although I had gone to church with my

best friend Melissa while I was growing up, it was only after I got hurt that the words of the message began to speak to me. I wanted to learn more and I looked forward to Sundays. That Christmas, at a youth conference at Canadian Bible College in Regina, I gave my heart to the Lord. I know that everything that happened to me was in God's amazing plan.

C: Describe your Tyndale experience.

AH: My Tyndale experience has been valuable because of the spiritual and leadership growth through the hands-on leadership opportunities and experiences with children and adults. The partnership with Muskoka Woods Sports Resort is the vital component to the Venture program. As a young Christian, I really needed the semester in Roseau, to be challenged by other

believers and to serve God through outdoor passions and sports. God really blessed this program and I would recommend it to any person who is considering a future in the recreation industry.

C: What other ministry involvements are you involved in?

AH: Last year I served on staff with Athletics in Action, a Christian sports ministry. Each week we travelled to a community and ran a sport-specific camp. Our main focus was unchurched children. University athletes helped with the coaching, and each day a staff member shared his or her testimony. We expressed the gospel to children through stories of professional athletes who honour God through their sports and then provided opportunities for the youth to ask questions, to express how they feel, and to ask Jesus to forgive them and to come into their lives. The Venture program prepared me for this ministry opportunity where I could apply the leadership cornerstones I learned. This summer I will work for Athletics in Action as a Director, and I feel my leadership growth from the Venture program is being maximized for the true empowering experiences God intended.

C: What is one important life lesson you have learned?

AH: One important life lesson I have learned is to recognize that God is doing a mighty work in all of our lives. He was doing it even before I asked Him into my heart and He's in control of ALL situations. It doesn't matter if you don't know where or what you're going to do, as long as you realize that God has a purpose for your life. To learn about the Lord is to learn about yourself. Prayer is powerful!

Tyndale students and Glenn Pitts, Vice President of the Tyndale Foundation, meet to plan a missions trip to Peru, slated for May 5-15.



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Shepherd Appointed to Confessing Theologians Commission



Dr. Victor Shepherd

Victor Shepherd, Professor of Historical Theology and Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies at Tyndale Seminary, has been appointed to the Confessing Theologians Commission of the Association for Church Renewal (ACR).

The ACR is an organization of the chief executive officers from more than twenty renewing and confessing movements within mainline Protestant churches in North America. The Confessing Theologians Commission is appointed to advise the ACR, its planning group, and its member organizations as needed on ongoing theological questions and concerns of mainline renewing movements.

According to Thomas C. Oden, the Convenor of the Commission, "The ACR seeks theologians to serve who are already well informed on church renewal issues, and who have shown the courage to speak out even when there are countervailing pressures to keep quiet. Our efforts are specifically directed toward the renewal of theological integrity within the mainline churches. We have been asked by the ACR to draw together in an ongoing conversation the most astute theologians of mainline traditions who have been conscientiously identified with major objectives of the renewing and confessing movements."

The Commission consists of seventeen theologians representing renewing and confessing movements in eight mainline traditions: United Church of Canada, Episcopalians (ECUSA), Lutheran (ELCA), Presbyterian (PCUSA), United Methodist, American Baptist, United Church of Christ, and Disciples of Christ.

Dr. Jay Kesler

- Author of 23 books and numerous articles
- Widely known and traveled speaker
- Former President of Youth for Christ (1973-1985)
- Host of syndicated radio program Family Forum aired on over 400 stations in Upland, Indiana (1985-2000)
- Former President of Taylor University with Dr. Richard Halverson and Charles Colon by the Council of Christian Colleges as a Distinguished Senior Fellow
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by Ross Bailey, Director of Educational Initiatives

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Dr. Ross Bailey

miss this inspiring two-part study that will see your awe of God and His Word increased and your motivation to extend God's kingdom much better informed.

Explore "Canada's Health Care Crisis from a Christian Perspective" in a two-day symposium. Hear a clarion invitation to continue holding on to the core and calling of nursing: caring - a calling that is in jeopardy unless motivated by Christian commitment.

For the pastor or worship leader who wants to take an inventory of a church's driving forces in the area of corporate worship, "The Biblical Foundations of Worship" and "The Ministries of Worship" are both being given by first-time visiting faculty, Drs. Eric Bolger and Carla Waterman. A third course is "Music and the Arts" with Dr. Constance Cherry who serves as the Executive Director of Worship

and Music at the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, California.

Was Canada ever a Christian nation? What role has the Church played in the formation of the nation? How has the Church's status in Canada changed since the sixties? How did the Church treat various waves of immigrants in the past? Has the Church always supported the Canadian government's declarations of social injustices in the past? Explore with Professor Gordon Heath the "History of the Christian Church within Canada."

beginning in the French era, through the British colonial period, up to the present period of independence and multiculturalism, with the goal of placing the contemporary questions regarding the Church in Canada within a broader historical framework.

COME AND GROW in faith in the triune God. COME AND CELEBRATE the gospel through learning, prayer, art, worship, and community.

COME AND LEARN within the context of a Christian community engaged in a life of vision, service and genuine faith.

COME TO THE INTERSECTION of faith and learning, and capture a vision of the meaning of faith and knowledge in the face of an ever-changing world.

COME AND ENCOUNTER new and engaging ideas in order that you might be challenged to grow character, spiritual awareness and insight.

COME AND CELEBRATE the freedom and grace that is ours in the reality and power of the risen Lord.

THEN... Leave enriched by your study, strengthened in the Spirit, and challenged to live a Christian life of ministry and witness.

Students "Enjoy the Ride" at Sudden Impact



On the weekend of February 22-24, Tyndale College opened its doors to over 250 young people for the annual Sudden Impact retreat. Sudden Impact is an energy-filled weekend for high school students where they are challenged to think about what it means to walk a road that is different than that of the world. The theme of this year's retreat, which was completely planned and run by current students of Tyndale College, was "Enjoy the Ride." Students were encouraged to "explore your faith, discover truth, get serious about what matters, live differently, and enjoy the ride."

The kick-off for the weekend was the praisefest Friday night, led by a worship team and choir composed entirely of Tyndale students. The main speaker for the weekend was Kevin Beattie, a graduate of Tyndale Seminary and currently the Executive Director of the Eastern Ontario Youth for Christ. He spoke during sessions on Saturday and at the Sunday morning church service. Saturday night was an Evening of Comedy, with comedians Bob Cates, Tim Hildebrand, and Leland Klassen, followed by an ice cream social and talent show. Sudden Impact closed on Sunday afternoon, and plans are already in the works for an even bigger and better ride next year.



Missionaries and authors Tom and Christine Sine, from Mustard Seed Ministries, speak at Tyndale's Community Chapel on February 26.

Have Sermon, Will Travel

Tyndale College students display their artwork in the Katimavik, February 11-15



At Tyndale College & Seminary we have assembled a world class group of biblical scholars/practitioners. In order to fulfill our mission to "educate and equip Christians to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ," we would like to make this expertise more readily available for your use.

If you are in need of a special sermon to fill your pulpit or would like to book a preacher from Tyndale College & Seminary, please contact us to make your request. A number of faculty members have provided us with a message title and/or scriptural passage.

Dr. Jon Ohlhauser, V.P. Enrollment Management
"Making God Big: the Concept of Glorification." John 17

Dr. Jeff Greenman, Academic Dean, Tyndale Seminary
"Sharing in God's Mission" Luke 9:1-6

Dr. Daniel Wong, Pastoral Studies, Tyndale College
"Responding to the Word of God" James 1:21-27

Dr. Wafik Wahba, Missions, Tyndale Seminary
"Reaching the World for Christ: New Challenges, Renewed Power"

Dr. Richard Davis, Philosophy, Tyndale College
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Tyndale to Host Fourth Annual Juried Art Exhibition

by Kelly Milne

The Roy C. Spaetzel Institute for Life Long Learning at Tyndale College & Seminary expects to attract over 500 entries from artists across Canada for the 4th annual, Canada-wide juried art exhibition entitled



Evidence of Things Unseen: Art from the Judeo-Christian Tradition. The goal of the annual exhibit is to promote the ongoing creation and appreciation of quality art that effectively expresses the faith of the Christian community.

Event coordinator and artist Sabrina Low says, "The exhibit gives artists the

opportunity to express the breadth and depth of their spirituality through a wide spectrum of mediums."

This year's jurors are Ilse Friesen, Professor of Fine Arts at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario; Stuart Reid, teacher at the Ontario College of Art and Design in the Department of Environmental Design; and Maria Gabunkova, figure and portrait drawing and painting teacher at the Ontario College of Art and Design. Both Reid and Gabunkova are also established, practicing artists. Past jurors have remarked on the high artistic standard and quality of the work featured in the exhibit.

The art exhibition opens on Tyndale's campus with a reception on May 11 and runs through May 26.

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believe in him will have eternal life (1 Cor 15:22; 2 Tim 1:10). When Christ returns, death will be vanquished from creation (1 Cor 15:23-56; Rev 20:14). The reconciliation of humanity to God is part of God's larger work of reconciling all things to himself (Rom 8:19-23). Christ will reconcile both spiritual and material things to God through the cross (Col 1:20-22).

Jesus was resurrected with a physical body of "flesh and bones" that could be touched (Matt 28:9), yet was transformed so it could pass through doors and disappear (Mark 16:12; Luke 24:15-36). Jesus' resurrection body is a foretaste of the future resurrection bodies of redeemed people (1 Cor 15:20, 45-49; Phil 3:21). Christian hope is not to dwell in heaven as a disembodied soul (2 Cor 5:1-5; 1 Thess 5:23; Rom 8:23). At Jesus' return, believers will rise from the dead and God will transform their bodies into imperishable bodies like Christ's resurrected body (Phil 3:21; 1 Cor 15:50-57). Their resurrection bodies will be physical, yet glorious, eternal, not subject to death or decay, and suitable for dwelling in the new creation (1 Cor 15:42-44; 2 Cor 5:2-4; Phil 3:21).

Christian hope includes the deliverance of nature from bondage to corruption and futility (Rom 8:20-21; cf. Gen 3:15). God will create a "new heaven and earth," without the damage sin caused to nature (2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1-5; cf. Isa 65:17-25; 66:17-25).

"New" probably suggests the renewal, purification and perfection of creation, rather than the creation of another world. Nature eagerly awaits the resurrection and glorification of the children of God at Christ's return, when creation will share in the glorious liberty of redeemed humanity (Rom 8:19-23). Death, disease, pain and suffering will cease since the curse on nature from

the Fall will be removed (Rev 20:14; 21:4; 22:3). Ideal conditions similar to the Garden of Eden will return (Rev 21:6; 22:1-19). Creatures of the sky, earth and sea will join humans and angels in worshipping God and Christ (Rev 5:13).

Human Responsibility for Nature

The many NT teachings reviewed herein suggest implications for environmental stewardship:

1. Since God values nature, Christians should treat nature with respect as part of God's good creation.
2. Although matter is not inherently evil, material things must not pre-occupy us. As we pursue God's kingdom and righteousness as our highest priority, we can trust God to provide our physical needs (Matt 6:19-33; 13:22).
3. Since God promises to redeem the material creation one day, Christians should contribute to the renewal of nature today. Just as our future glorification should motivate us to holy living, so the expectation of a new creation should motivate us to ecological integrity. Christians are the vanguard of the new creation (2 Cor 5:17), which will eventually encompass the entire created order.
4. Jesus taught that leadership involves service of others, not oppression (Mark 10:42-44). Human domination over nature should be exercised for the good of creation, not its selfish exploitation.
5. The parable of the talents and the parable of the wise steward imply that humanity is accountable to God for the stewardship of our Planet (Matt 24:45-51; 25:14-30). The earth belongs to God, not humanity (Matt 11:25; cf. Ps 24:1), and humans will be judged on the condition in which they return God's possession (Matt 25:27).

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Rodney Clapp,
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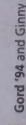
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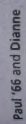
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Please use this section as a prayer guide.

Kevin '74 and Joyce Richardson will be returning to Canada on March 23 for the first time in three years. However, this time they will be remaining in the country and waiting to see what the Lord has in store for them. If you would like to contact them upon their return you can do so through: SIM Canada, 10 Huntingdale Blvd., Scarborough, ON, M1W 2S5. Email: postmaster@sim.ca



Tanya (Waldron) '94 and Mike Robinson, along with big sister, Brianna, are please to announce the birth of their second child. Sarah Ann Michelle Robinson was born on December 08, 2001. Tanya was class secretary in '94 and along with other she is looking ahead to 2004 when your class will once again celebrate together.



'63 Estabrooks shared with us in their January newsletter several exciting new items. On June 10th, they rejoiced as Tim and Elle were married and their joy continued as expected in May. Paul and Dianne also celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary in July. They continue in ministry, with Paul traveling extensively as he works on

Bonikowsky was born

Tyndale College & Seminary mourns the loss of the Reverend John Honeyman, after whom the John Honeyman Lectures are named. Born in Scotland in 1908, John Honeyman emigrated to Canada at the age of 21, with his father, in search of a better economic future. Led to faith in Christ three years later, he sensed an immediate call to ministry. In spite of a fairly basic education back in Scotland, John went on to study at the University of Western Ontario, Knox College, and the University of Toronto, and was ordained into the Presbyterian ministry.

to the Presbyterian ministry. Rev. Honeymann then served congregations in Strathroy, Finch, and London. In 1946, he was called to teach New Testament Bible at London Bible Institute, which was later to become part of Ontario Bible College. In 1947 he became registrar. During these years, he negotiated an academic relationship with the University of Western Ontario whereby ULI students were able to receive university credit for their work in Greek. He was subsequently invited to teach Greek at Toronto Bible College and was appointed registrar in 1958. When TBC merged with London College of Bible and Missions to form Ontario Bible College, John returned to the Ontario campus full-time. He retired from teaching in 1974.

Former students of John Honeyman now serve as pastors, professors, and missionaries around the world. His sermons, lectures and scholarship continue to be an inspiration to his students, parishioners and family. Until his death he lived in the Toronto area and kept active as an artist, currier, and lender.



(including graduates from Ontario Bible College, Ontario Theological Seminary and Wycliffe College & Seminary)

During the months of March and April 2001, the Department of Alumni Relations at Tyndale College & Seminary conducted an extensive nine-page survey with graduates of the College

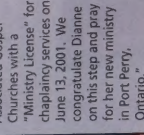
tunity to share some of the results with you.

24% of Tyndale College (OBC) graduates received some sort of additional certification after graduating.

The average length of time for a Tyndale College student to find employment after graduation was **4.63 months**.

Henry Chung '00 and Amy Ratzlaff were married on June 30th, 2001 in Grand Portage, MN. They are now serving with International Teams as missionaries to the Native Indian Community of Grand Portage, Minnesota. Their main ministries include youth, children's ministry and worship. If interested in Native missions or their news letter, e-mail them at henry.chung@teams.org.

Correction from *Connection Spring 2001* issue: According to Bud Penner, President of Associated Gospel Churches "Dianne



Kevin Marshall '01 married Lynda Chantson on December 29, 2001 in Toronto. Kevin has his own law office in Don Mills as a lawyer, specializing in per-



Memorials

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of the following alumni:

Joyce E. Page, '45, wife of Rev. Percy Page, '49 passed away early in the new year. Joyce was the mother of Alfred and Lillian. Together Joyce and Percy were blessed with 53 years of marriage. She served with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship for many years.

Ralph Cossitt, '72 passed away on Wednesday, January 30 at his home in London. He was in his 55th year. He is survived by his wife Carol, with whom he shared 31 years of marriage. Ralph served in many churches as Interim Pastor, most recently at Little Falls Baptist Church in Saint Mary's, ON.

Alden A. Gannett, president of LBC from 1954-1957, passed away on September 23, 2001 at 80 years of age. Dr. Gannett also taught at Dallas Bible Institute, Dallas Theological Seminary, and was president of Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama.

Randy Weber, 76, passed away at the age of 46 years on September 8, 2001 after a three-year struggle with cancer. He served at Grant Memorial Baptist Church in Winnipeg for 11 years and then as Director of Music and Public Ministries at Beulah Alliance Church in Edmonton until July, 2001. A Randy Weber Music Scholarship Fund has been set up and will be administered by Canadian Bible College in Regina.

Letters from the Alumni

and as a Christian. My life has been altered. I have found my outlook on ministry forever altered. I have a new found respect for all religious traditions within Christendom and utmost reverence for the Church fathers and those who preserved this precious gift for us. At Tyndale I learned how little I really knew. Many of my presuppositions have been shattered. I have become less critical of people and more discerning of my own weaknesses. But my studies at Tyndale have not come to an end. Now my thirst for theology has become unquenchable. My prayer is that Tyndale will remain faithful to its biblical and evangelical roots and that it will continue the encroaching storm of liberation with all success.

Sincerely,
Richard Rupnarain

The **number one** response to the question, "if you could change one thing about your education, what?" was that graduates indicated that their education helped them find ministry or employment positions.

would it be?" was "Change my degree to a Bachelor of

50% of Tyndale Seminary
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dedicated faculty.

25% of the Seminary respondents advised that Tundale should work toward a career in traditional, full-time ministry.

having the M.Div. degree become more recognized both academically and theologically by all evangelical denominations in Canada.

We want to thank all the Tyndale Alumni who participated in this survey. Your responses will help us as we

for ways of more effectively equipping our graduates for service in God's Kingdom.

Faculty and Staff Notes



Dr. James Beverley, Professor of Theology and Ethics at the Seminary, participated in a panel on Islam with Muslim leaders at the National Clergy Council Conference in Washington, D.C. in January. He also was recently interviewed by CTV on the Pope's mission of peace with other religious leaders in Assisi, Italy. An article from Professor Beverley on the Intelligent Design movement appears in the March-April issue of *Faith Today*. His book *Christ and Islam* published by College Press 1997 is about to go into its third printing. His new book, *Understanding Islam*, is going into a second edition, published by Thomas Nelson.



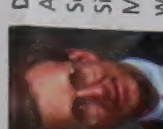
Congratulations to **Dr. Keith Bodner**, Professor of Old Testament at Tyndale College, on the publishing of his most recent article! The article, "Nathan: Prophet, Politician and Novelist?", has been published in the *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* [JSOT 95 (2001) 43-54].



Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis, Professor of New Testament at the Seminary is on research leave during the winter semester, working on her book, provisionally entitled *Paul, Power and the People of God*.



Sandy Finlayson, Library Director at Tyndale College & Seminary, will begin his new position in July as Director of Library Services and Associate Professor of Theological Bibliography at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.



Dr. Jeffrey Greenman, Academic Dean of the Seminary, and Dr. Yau Man Siew, Professor of Educational Ministries at the Seminary, were in Chicago from January

31 to February 1 to present a paper on "The Public Character of Theological Schools," a project sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Their study is entitled "Spirituality & Public Character: A Qualitative Cross-Sectional Study of Perspectives of Master of Divinity Students in the Greater Toronto Area." Dr. Greenman also presented this paper at the Annual Meeting of the Institute of Theological Studies Evangelical Deans in Phoenix, Arizona, from February 7 to 10.



Dr. Harry Hahne, Adjunct Professor of New Testament at the Seminary, is assistant editor of the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature* (Continuum, 2003)

and contributed several articles to the encyclopedia on the New Testament and Intertestamental Jewish views of nature. He also presented a paper entitled, "Interpretation and Application in the New Testament Citations of the Old Testament" at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs.



Dr. Rebecca Idstrom, Professor of Old Testament, presented a paper as part of the "Faculty Forum" series to the College and Seminary faculty entitled "The Role of the Spirit in the Book of Isaiah" on Monday, January 28.



Dr. Timothy Larsen, Professor of Church History at the Seminary, recently published an article entitled "English Baptists, Jamaican Affairs and the Nonconformist Conscience" in D. W. Bebbington (ed.), *The Gospel in the World* (Paternoster, 2002).



Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Professor of Old Testament and Director of the Chinese Ministry Program, together with Nelly Chau, administrator of the Hudson Taylor Centre for Chinese Ministries, attended the Christian Leadership Exchange Symposium on Church Ministry in China in Los Angeles from February 18 to 21. Dr. Leung Lai also preached at the Toronto Hebron Alliance Church on February 10, and served as "Roundtable Facilitator" at the ATS Conference on Diversity and Leadership Education, February 28 - March 3 in Pittsburgh.



Dr. Dennis Ngien, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Seminary, continues to mentor pastors and church leaders through his Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection. He preached at a number of churches this winter, including the Eastern District Alliance Pastors' Retreat (January 22 to 24) at Joy Bible Camp, Bancroft, Ontario, and at the First Alliance Church of Metro-Toronto on January 27. He also preached at the Redeemer Chinese Evangelical Free Church on February 3. Dr. Ngien preached at the Toronto Convention Centre for the annual Toronto MissionFest on March 2, at the Carmel Mandarin Alliance Church in Mississauga on March 3, and at the Salvation Army Retreat Centre in Jackson's Point for the Japanese Gospel Church from March 8-9. He traveled to New Jersey to preach at the Christian Church from March 22-24.



Hugh Rendle has been appointed interim library director, effective June 17, 2002, for one year. Hugh has served with distinction as Public Services Librarian at Tyndale since 1990. Students and faculty alike deeply appreciate his professionalism, in-depth knowledge and helpful support.



In January, **Dr. David Sherbino**, Professor of Pastoral Studies at the Seminary, attended a three-day conference on "Worship and the Arts" at Calvin Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, led a

staff development workshop at Trulls Road Free Methodist Church, Oshawa, and conducted a two-day seminar on "Leadership and Small Groups" at Lakeshore St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Windsor. In February, Dr. Sherbino spoke at the Free Methodist Men's Group in Etobicoke on Marriage and Family, and he was the theme speaker on the topic "Making Space for God in our Homes and Churches" at the Wesleyan Methodist Pastors and Spouses three-day conference. He also conducted a Conflict Management seminar for the Holy Name Society in Scarborough, which was held in Bancroft, Ontario.



Dr. Wafik Wahba, Professor of Theology and Global Christianity at the Seminary, taught a course on "Islam and Christianity in the post Twin Towers World" at the Africa Enterprise Center in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, from March 4 to 8, 2002. This leadership training seminar was attended by African church leaders from 35 countries in Africa.



Dr. Robert (Bob) Webb, Research Professor of New Testament at the Seminary, preached at St. Philips on-the-Hill Anglican Church in Unionville, on September 23 and October 21, and at Northview Community Church, Toronto, on December 9. He also preached at Markham Baptist Church on January 13. Dr. Webb designed and taught a new course on Interpreting and Applying the Bible for Lay People for Tyndale's Institute of Life Long Learning's Level Two, "Know Your Bible" Series, on January 12 and 19. Dr. Webb's plans as editor of the *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* continued to take shape with the first meeting of the editorial board in November. The first issue is expected to be published in the Fall 2002.



Dr. Daniel Wong, Professor of Pastoral Studies at the College, delivered a paper entitled "Multicultural Preaching and its Implications for Pedagogy" at the annual meeting of the Academy of Homiletics in St. Louis, November 29-December 1, 2001.

Ling Takes on Additional Position at Knox College

Winston Ling, Vice President of Finance and Administration at Tyndale College & Seminary, has taken on an additional position as the Administrator of Knox College, part of the Toronto School of



Winston Ling

Theology and the University of Toronto. Knox College is a seminary within the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Mr. Ling has been a long-standing member of the Chinese Presbyterian Church.

He will be performing a similar role at Knox as he does at Tyndale, which involves managing finances, the physical plant, and other administrative responsibilities. Mr. Ling is replacing Brian Malcolm, who has had to step down from this position due to illness. Tyndale is pleased to be able to share Mr. Ling's skills and experience with Knox College and wishes him all the best in this additional endeavour.

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